



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John R. Liddicoat et al.
Serial No.: 10/796,591
Filing Date: 03/09/2004
For: AUTOMATED ANNULAR PLICATION FOR MITRAL
VALVE REPAIR
Group Art Unit No.: 3731
Examiner: Tuan V. Nguyen
Attorney's Docket No.: VIA-6 CON

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a four (4) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed October 2, 2007 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from November 2, 2007 to March 2, 2008.

Applicants note that inasmuch as March 2, 2008 falls on a Sunday, the response is actually due on Monday, March 3, 2008.

A check in the amount of \$820.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.
A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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